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1. Sketch "A" [See Enclosure (A)] is drawn to scale 1:25,000 showing the principal buildings which surrounded the Zbrojovka factory. Numbers on the sketch are identified by the corresponding numbers listed below.
- (1) Zbrojovka a s Brno - an armament factory which produced light and heavy machine guns, rifles, automobile motors, blocks for airplane motors, tools, and tractors. About eight thousand men were employed here on each of three shifts.
  - (2) A small office building where some of Zbrojovka's records were kept.
  - (3) A military hospital.
  - (4) A Catholic church.
  - (5) A felt-manufacturing plant. This was a three-floor building.
  - (6) Textile factory which employed about five hundred men. This was a three-story building.
  - (7) A small factory.
  - (8) A primary school.
  - (9) Swimming pool operated by the City.
  - (10) A dairy plant.
  - (11) Train stop. Only southbound trains stopped here.
  - (12) Acetylene gas plant - 20 employees.
  - (13) Lumber warehouse.
  - (14) Zidenice train stop for northbound trains only.

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- (15) Barracks for the 43rd Infantry Regiment
  - (16) Freight train station.
  - (17) Athletic field.
  - (18) Not identified.
  - (19) Textile and rubber clothing factory.
  - (20) Zabrdovice train stop for both north and south bound traffic.
  - (21) City gas works and electricity plant.
2. Sketch "B" See Enclosure (A) is drawn to scale 1:5000 showing the location of the Zbrojovka buildings. Numbers on the sketch correspond to the numbers listed below.
- (1) One of the principal administration buildings. Factory police had their offices here - two floors.
  - (2) Principal entrance. Address was U Lazaretu 7, Brno.
  - (3) Exit buildings. Factory police searched about every tenth employee as they left the factory compound.
  - (4) Personnel department. Worker's councils met in this building - two floors.
  - (5) Garage for company's trucks and automobiles.
  - (6) Beranka building. Airplane motor blocks were made here and some parts of the motors were assembled here - two floors.
  - (7) Boiler rooms and chimney which was about 75 meters high. This building was not in operation during my term of employment.
  - (8) Payroll records and firm's financial records were kept here - two floors.
  - (9) Not identified.
  - (10) Not identified.
  - (11) Lumber yard - chiefly walnut tree trunks.
  - (12) Part of the compound which was rebuilt in 1943. A small wooden bridge, one lane wide, was erected across the Svitava River there.
  - (13) Storehouse for test ammunition.
  - (14) Storehouse for casts, sheet metal, and wire.
  - (15) Carpentry shop and locomotive repair shed adjoining it.
  - (16) Wagon scale.
  - (17) Saw mill.
  - (18) Woodwork shop.
  - (19) Vulcanization.
  - (20) Butts for rifles and machine guns.
  - (21) Shipping department.
  - (22) Fire engine garage - two fire engines were kept there.
  - (23) Employees bomb shelters of poor concrete construction, built in 1943. These were partly below ground and were covered with top soil and grass.

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- (24) Laboratory.
- (25) Kitchen and dining rooms.
- (26) Forging presses.
- (27) Forge shop which had 10 or 12 steam hammers.
- (28) Garage for tractors and heavy machines.
- (29) Round iron storage.
- (30) Iron cutting, 18 to 20 iron saws.
- (31) Welding.
- (32) Open iron storage.
- (33) Work Shop No. 4. Partial finishing operation of machine guns. One floor - roof had sky lights.
- (34) Manufacturing of rifle barrels.
- (35) Work Shop No 3 for rifle and machine gun parts - one floor.
- (36) Work Shop No 2 for rifle and machine gun parts - one floor.
- (37) Boiler rooms. This building had a chimney about 50 meters high.
- (38) Cast cleaning.
- (39) Machine parts.
- (40) Assembly shop for tractors.
- (41) Side gate and entrance on U Lazaretu.
- (42) Branch Zabrdovice rebuilt in 1944 - four floors.
- (43) Exit offices where employees were searched by factory police upon leaving the compound.
- (44) Air raid shelter (tunnel type) concrete construction erected in 1944. This is chiefly underground. Top is covered with soil and grass.
- (45) First aid.
- (46) Tool shop, hand and machinery tools and measuring instruments. Erected either in 1942 or 1943.
- (47) Work Shop No 5 - assembly of machine guns.
- (48) Manufacturing of bolts and screws.
- (49) Inspection of machine guns and rifles.
- (50) Tempering of parts and tools.
- (51) First aid station.
- (52) Metal sanding.
- (53) Escape gate.
- (54) Unknown.
- (55) I think this was a rifle assembly building.
- (56) Testing building, partly underground, for rifles and machine guns.

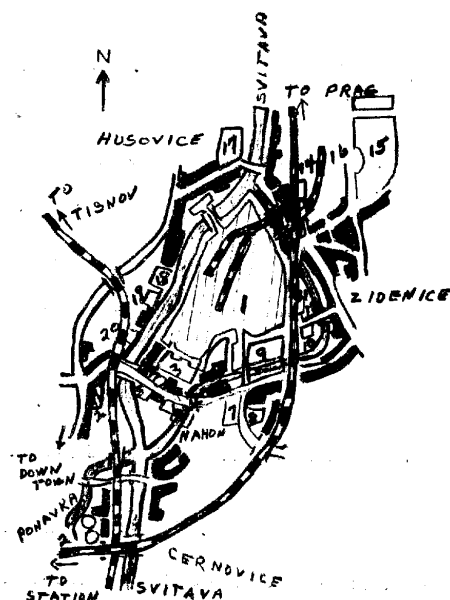
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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch "A" - Principal Buildings Surrounding Zbrojovka Factory  
Sketch "B" - Location of Zbrojovka Buildings

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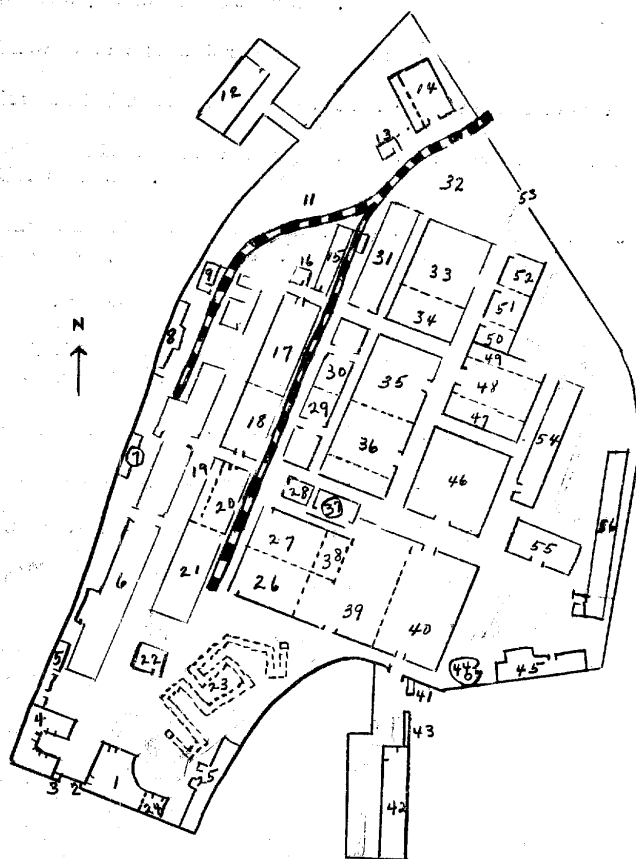
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Sketch "B" - Location of Zbrojovka Buildings

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